

## LABOR MATTERS.

Federation Listens to Talks of British Delegates.

### URGE BETTER ORGANIZATION

To wield a Power in Politics, and also a Stronger Friendship Between American and British Unionists. The Principles of Arbitration are Favored—President Gompers' Reply.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—At the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor to-day the delegates listened with great interest to talks by William Thorne and William Inskip, delegates from the British labor Congress, and to a response by President Samuel Gompers.

The burden of Mr. Thorne's talk was that labor should strive constantly for better organization and to wield a power in politics. In England, said he, one great element of organized labor's power was the fact that political positions were held by so great a percentage of unionists.

Delegate Inskip urged not only a stronger organization, but a stronger friendship between American and British unionists. What was needed, he said, was not only a federation of trades organizations, but a federation with our English-speaking countries. The sentiment was heartily cheered.

Mr. Inskip went on to express his belief in the principle of arbitration of all difficulties and enumerated instances of the settlement of British strikes by arbitration which had been alone possible from the fact that arbitration in England was constructed on so thorough a basis.

President Gompers said there was sometimes an apprehension as to the conditions of the workers of our country. A greater percentage of mechanical labor, outside the agricultural element, he said, were organized in America than on any part of the globe. Small conventions were not necessary as an indication of lack of strength. While he declared that unionists were active in defending their principles in politics, citing the fact that seventeen union men were members of the Colorado state legislature, Mr. Gompers, nevertheless, urged increased activity along this line.

A resolution providing for a fund to push the organization of trades unions in the inter-mountain states, was adopted.

### DESTRUCTION WROUGHT

By the Collapse of New York's Great Gas Tank.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—When dawn lighted up the district devastated by the collapsing of the big gas tank of the Consolidated Gas Company, a spectacle of ruin was presented.

Twenty-first street is barricaded by twisted and bent iron stanchions, girders and uprights piled to a height of twenty-five feet. Twentieth street is also filled with bricks, household goods and timbers piled high in one promiscuous mass. Building department laborers succeeded in clearing Avenue A so that the cars could pass.

All night long hundreds of men worked assiduously to discover the bodies that might be in the ruins. In the basement of the furniture factory of Henry Fulmer, there was six feet of water. Three men on a raft floated, searching for the body of the missing engineer, Flood Baum, who was in the basement attending to his duties when the deluge from the tank swept away the rear wall of the building. His body was found under a mass of debris.

The missing are: George Brennan, time-keeper for W. J. Logan, of the Logan Iron Works, Greenpoint, which constructed the tank which collapsed.

Gustave Winscke, sixteen years old, son of one of the foremen of the Logan iron works.

William O'Connell, foreman for the Logan iron works.

James E. Latener, who was supposed to be in the pit working when the tank gave way.

Peter Corlin, a workman, of the Consolidated gas company.

The tank that collapsed was 175 feet in diameter, 160 feet in height, and the iron supports over which the immense cables ran were over 300 feet in height. The lower tank into which the upper one fitted, was twenty-five feet in height and rested on the masonry work of the pit. This pit is 150 feet deep. The builders were testing the strength of the tank with water pressure. Immense pipes had been pouring water into the lower tank all day. The upper tank or cap had risen about twenty-five feet. The workmen were preparing to leave the place when the masonry work of the pit crumbled away like clay. It was said that there was 8,000,000 gallons of water in the tank at the time of the break. The water was over fifty-six feet in depth. The steel plates of the tank were rent asunder by the pressure like so much paper. The great force of the water rent itself on the rear walls of the buildings on Avenue A, and all were torn away with the exception of a part of the gas company's engine house. The masonry and brickwork were thrown into the street and piled into the hallways of the houses and buildings on Avenue A side. The rushing waters cut the rear of Fulmer's furniture factory and huge slabs of asphalt were carried by the water into the buildings.

Tremendous iron beams and uprights were swept by the water as if they were so much timber and carried away down Twentieth and Twenty-first streets to the river front.

At the foot of Twenty-first street were two barges laden with coal. The rushing water sent beams and joists with such great force against these coal laden boats that they parted their moorings. The steamer Paul Koch was also lying at the foot of Twenty-first street, and her moorings were also parted.

The arm and leg of a man were found in the entangled barricade on Twenty-first street to-day.

William O'Connell, who was reported missing, turned up all right to-day.

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### HORRIBLE CRIME

Unearthed at Hot Springs—Some Startling Developments Expected.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., Dec. 14.—Gradually the mystery surrounding the disappearance from this city several weeks ago of Mrs. Nellie J. Horne, a beautiful young woman who was visiting this health resort, and who, the authorities believe, was murdered by young Hardy Sheffield, and robbed of



CUBAN REGIMENTS TO BE PAID FOR THEIR SERVICES IN THE LATE WAR.

One of the points covered by President McKinley's message is the paying off of the several Cuban regiments who assisted in the Spanish war. These men are now very poor, and are in need of funds. They were fighting for liberty, and did not expect to be paid, but the message advocates that as they assisted the United States, doing undoubted service in scout work, they should receive soldiers' pay. This message makes the United States government highly popular in Europe, where it is already known for its broadmindedness, as well as for its strength and money.

her money, is being cleared up and by to-night Sheriff Williams hopes to have evidence to prove that one of the most heartless crimes ever committed in this vicinity was that by which Mrs. Horne lost her life.

Hardy Sheffield is in jail charged with murder. The sheriff returned to the city to-day from the home of Sheffield's brother in Hot Springs county, where it was reported the body of Mrs. Horne had been found. He brought with him a sack containing gruesome evidence that a human body had been cremated piece by piece in Sheffield's house. The sack contained human bones, ashes and other articles recovered from the fireplace in Sheffield's house. Experts are at work making a scientific examination of these ghastly relics and it is already established that the bones are those of a human being. Sheffield's brother, in whose house the crime is supposed to have been committed, was brought to Hot Springs by Sheriff Williams and placed in jail as was also several others who are charged with being accessories to the crime. Some startling developments are expected.

Civil Service Examinations. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Chief Examiner Severn, of the civil service commission, in his annual report says applications for examinations of all kinds during the year aggregated 46,313. He says temporary appointments should not be made for regular positions where it is possible to avoid them and that the commission has under consideration a plan to best meet the demands for eligibles with exceptional and extraordinary qualifications. This contemplates the establishment of a series of examinations, enabling all competitors to qualify on as many different lines of work as possible and that eligibility shall be advanced step by step from lower to higher register as fast as the applicant can qualify.

New Vein of Coal Discovered. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARSONS, W. Va., Dec. 14.—A vein of coal four feet thick, said to be the same as that worked at Thomas by the Davis Coal & Coke Company, has been discovered near Hendricks, on the West Virginia Central railroad, three miles from here. The vein will be worked extensively by a company organized for the purpose by residents of this place.

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In the Luetgart Trial—How it Effected a Police Captain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The sesamoid that sent Adolph Luis Luetgart to a felon's cell for life has laid Captain William Knoch on a bed of pain from which he may never arise. Luetgart was made its victim by the evidence this tiny osseous particle constituted, while Captain Knoch has been felled by the virus that clung to its scaly sides. The serious ailment that has kept Captain Knoch confined to his bed at his residence for several weeks is pronounced by his physicians to be undoubted blood poisoning and the source of it they conclude is clearly discoverable in the malignant little sesamoid.

When the first trial of Luetgart was begun Captain Knoch was made custodian of the exhibits in evidence for the prosecution. Among these was the sesamoid. This piece of bone, no longer than one's finger nail, is said to have been found by the police in the middle vat in Luetgart's sausage factory. This bone was regarded by the state's attorneys as the convincing evidence that Mrs. Luetgart had been murdered and that her body was dissolved in the vat until it was a saponaceous mass that was flooded away as sewage. One day in July, after handling the sesamoid, Captain Knoch rubbed his hand to his bare breast, on account of the heat and perspiration caused by the torrid weather.

Not long after that event he felt ill and a physician pronounced his complaint to be sepsis. The cause of the blood poisoning was inquired into at the time and laid at the door of the sesamoid. After an illness of six weeks he recovered sufficiently to be about. Two weeks ago he was taken ill again, and

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